

**Amendments in the Claims:** (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

## Claims 1-4 (cancelled)

- 5           5.       (previously amended) A game assembly for playing a game checkers comprising:
- a game board, said game board having a plurality of squares thereon and defining a checker board;
- a plurality of first base members, each of said first base members resembling a lower body and including an upper portion and a pair of legs being attached to and extending downwardly from said upper portion;
- 10           a plurality of second base members, each of said second base members resembling a horse having a saddle positioned thereon;
- a plurality of top pieces, each of said top pieces comprising an upper body, each of said upper bodies resembling a knight and carrying a weapon and a shield, each of said top pieces having a bottom surface; and
- 15           a plurality of couplers for selectively coupling each of said top pieces to one of said first or second base members, each of said couplers including a female coupler positioned on one of said upper portions and said saddles and a male coupler being positioned on one of said bottom surfaces of said top pieces.
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6.       (previously presented) A game assembly for playing a game checkers comprising:
- 25           a game board, said game board having a plurality of squares thereon and defining a checker board;
- a plurality of first base members, each of said first base members resembling a lower body and including an upper portion and a pair of legs being attached to and extending downwardly from said upper portion;
- 30           a plurality of second base members, each of said second base members resembling a horse having a saddle positioned thereon;

a plurality of top pieces, each of said top pieces comprising an upper body, each of said upper bodies resembling a civil war soldier, each of said top pieces having a bottom surface; and

5 a plurality of couplers for selectively coupling each of said top pieces to one of said first or second base members, each of said couplers including a female coupler positioned on one of said upper portions and said saddles and a male coupler being positioned on one of said bottom surfaces of said top pieces.

10 Claim 7 (cancelled)